

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are submitted in supplemental reply to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-18 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18.

Applicants' Reply mailed November 7, 2005 canceled claims 8 and 17, and amended claims 1, 2, 10, and 11, leaving for the Examiner's consideration claims 1-7, 9-16, and 18.

This Supplemental Reply amends Claims 9 and 18, which previously depended upon now-canceled claims 8 and 17, to depend upon independent claims 1 and 10, respectively. This amendment to Claims 9 and 18 was inadvertently omitted from Applicant's November 7, 2005 Reply.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, November 17, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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